



U.S. 93 Blue Lakes Boulevard, Falls to Pole Line

Weekly Construction Update – July 24, 2009

The final phase of the reconstruction of Blue Lakes is going quickly with completion of storm water pipe installation. The placement of the road bed in the north-bound lanes and concrete work will continue this week.

Major pipe work will be completed on Friday, July 24 and crews will continue to set branch lines, concrete to the drop inlets and curbing, and place the road base throughout the project to prepare for paving. Paving is expected to take place during the first week of August.

Before the northbound lanes can be opened to traffic, crews must finalize concrete work around man holes and water valves, pave business approaches, paint lines, and complete other minor details. The expected completion date is mid-August – more than two months ahead of the contractor's original schedule.*

Businesses and drivers can continue to expect limited closures to accesses within the corridor as the construction crews place the base material toward the southern end of the project at Falls Avenue. However, during paving, all east side access points will be closed as the asphalt will be allowed to cool. Shoppers will be required to find alternate routes to businesses during the paving operation.

Meanwhile, drivers should watch for closed, shared and changing business accesses points on the east side of Blue Lakes throughout the construction zone. Drivers should also consider alternate routes to access businesses. Left hand turns on and off Blue Lakes are not allowed.

Watch for flaggers throughout the construction zone as trucks and equipment enter and exit the construction zone.

ITD and the Idaho State Police caution motorists to slow down and pay attention when driving in work zones, where increased speeding fines and other penalties apply. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead and dial 5-1-1 or visit 511.idaho.gov for information on the state highway or interstate system.

* All work schedules and dates are subject to change.